

THE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AIKEN COUNTY
AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
JUNE 24, 2025

The Aiken County Board of Education met for the Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at the District Office, 1000 Brookhaven Drive, Aiken, SC at 6:00 p.m. In accordance with S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, amended Section 30-4-80, the print and broadcast news media were notified of the time, date, place, and web location of this meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. John Bradley, Vice Chair
Mr. Jim Broome
Mr. Colen Lindell
Mrs. Liz Morris
Mr. Brian Silas
Mrs. Deborah Tyler

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Cameron Nuessle, Chairman
Mr. Barry Moulton
Ms. Patrice Rhinehart-Jackson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Corey Murphy, Superintendent
Mrs. Kim Chriswell, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and the Board of Education
Mrs. Kim Waters, District Office Manager

Vice-Chair, Bradley called the special called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Vice-Chair Bradley led Moment of Silence and Pledge.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Vice-Chair Bradley stated if there were no objections the agenda would stand as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 10, 2025, were presented for approval; Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 10, 2025; SECONDED by Mr. Silas; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OFFICE OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Vice-Chair Bradley recognized Mrs. Kim Chriswell, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and the Board of Education who is retiring.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

- A-1 PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve lists of certified personnel for school year 2025-26, certified retiree rehire personnel for school year 2025-26, classified personnel for school year 2025-2026, classified personnel for school year 2024-2025, certified supplemental personnel for school year 2025-26, classified supplemental personnel for school year 2025-26 and non-employee supplemental personnel for school year 2025-2026, SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT ITEMS

- B-1 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT DRAWINGS/BUDGET AND CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS FOR THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM BUILDING AT J.D. LEVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the design development plans, the construction document plans, and specification reviewed by the Administration, and authorize the Architect to proceed with the bidding process for this project. The total budget needed is \$2,199,467 from 8% athletic funds.

- B-2 SCHEMATIC DESIGN DRAWINGS AND BUDGET FOR THE NORTH AGUSTA MIDDLE SCHOOL: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the schematic design plans reviewed by the administration and authorize the Architect to proceed to the Design Development phase for this project. The total budget needed is \$52,000,000 from 2024 1% sales tax funds.
- B-3 SCHEMATIC DESIGN PLANS AND AN ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR THE NEW ATHLETICS COMPLEX AT WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH SCHOOL: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the schematic design plans and preliminary construction cost estimate for the new athletics complex at Wagener-Salley High School as presented by McMillan Pazdan Smith (MPS) and authorize the architect to proceed with design development and a total budget of \$15,645,589 from 8% funds.
- B-4 SCHEMATIC DESIGN PLANS AND PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM RENOVATION AND ADDITION: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the schematic design narrative, schematic plans and preliminary construction cost estimate for the North Augusta High School renovation as presented by McMillan Pazdan Smith (MPS) and authorize the architect to proceed with design development and a total budget of \$10,587,990 using 2014 1% sales tax funds.
- B-5 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT DRAWINGS AND BUDGET FOR THE BELVEDERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Superintendent Murphy recommended approving the design development plans, reviewed by the Administration, and authorize the Architect to proceed to the Construction Document phase for this project. The total budget needed is \$8,896,015 using the remaining balance of \$90M bond funds.

Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve item B-1 through B-5 as presented; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- C-1 EXIT INTERVIEWS PRESENTATION: Mrs. Ashley Watson presented an update on the human resources department exit interview process.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

REVIEW OF POLICY IKA – Mrs. Tyler MOVED to direct the administration to bring back changes to policy IKA for consideration of eliminating the eight-semester requirement: SECONDED by Mrs. Morris. Mrs. Tyler and Mrs. Morris WITHDREW MOTIONS. Mrs. Tyler MOVED to have the administration review and make necessary revisions to policy IKA for approval by board; SECONDED by Mrs. Morris; MOTION carried on a vote of 5-1 (Mr. Lindell opposed).

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESSED TO BOARD MEMBERS

No Items This Meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice-Chair Bradley announced the Board would need a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of considering the following matters in such order as the Board deems appropriate. Employment Matters – a.) Administrative Appointment – Director of Administration, b.) Administrative Appointment – Director of Human Resources, c.) Salary Schedule Adjustment – Hearing Officer.

Mr. Lindell MOVED to enter Executive Session for the purpose as stated; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Regular Session recessed at 6:38 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 6:48 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 7:24 p.m.

Mr. Lindell MOVED to Return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Vice-Chair Bradley announced while in Executive Session the board considered or received information concerning the following matter for the purpose of considering the following matters in such order as the Board deems appropriate. Employment Matters – a.) Administrative Appointment – Director of Administration, b.) Administrative Appointment – Director of Human Resources, c.) Salary Schedule Adjustment – Hearing Officer.

STUDENT MATTERS

No Items This Meeting

EMPLOYMENT MATTERS

- a) ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT – DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION: Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve the recommendation of the administration for the Director of Administration; SECONDED by Ms. Morris; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- b) ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT – DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES: Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve the recommendation of the administration for the Director of Human Resources; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- c) SALARY SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT – HEARING OFFICER: Mr. Lindell MOVED to approve the recommendation of the administration for the salary schedule adjustment-Hearing Officer; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION FAILED on a vote of 3-3(Dr. Bradley, Mr. Broome, and Mr. Silas)

CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

NO ITEMS THIS MEETING

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LEGAL MATTERS

NO ITEMS THIS MEETING

Mr. Lindell MOVED to adjourn the meeting; SECONDED by Mrs. Tyler; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED: